

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1733

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 305336

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GRIDLEY et al.

Application No. 09/492,602

Filed: January 27, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
RETREADING TIRES

Art Unit: 1733

Examiner: J. Fischer

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Box AF  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 28, 29, and 49.

Please replace the indicated claims with:

23. (Twice Amended) A method of retreading tires, comprising:  
mounting a tire casing on a hub, the hub being rotatable;  
applying a length of cushion gum around the circumference of the tire casing,  
said cushion gum being dispensed at a linear velocity that is less than the tangential  
velocity of the periphery of said tire casing such that the cushion gum adheres to said

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